

Bradford County Crowns Princess

CANTON (Bradford Co.) — Amy VanBlarcom was crowned Bradford County Dairy Princess after a day-long festival that included a parade and a milking cow contest.

Amy, the 16-year-old daughter of James and Darlene VanBlarcom of Columbia Cross Roads, helps on the family's 320-acre farm with 80 milking cows. She attends Troy Area High School where she will be the student music director for the school musical in the fall. Other activities include initiating the Teen Conservation Group in Bradford County, Troy Hospital volunteer, church choir, high school tract, band, majorette, student faculty senate, forensics team where she won best speaker in tournament of 13 schools.

She studied piano for 10 years, takes art lessons, models, reads, runs, helps on the farm and plays guitar.

She plans to study medicine at Cornell or Shippensburg University.

First Alternate Kirsten MacBride and Second Alternate Angel Butcher will assist in dairy promotional activities throughout the year.

First alternate Kirsten is also 16 years old and attends Troy Senior High School. The daughter of Robert and Deborah MacBride, she helps on the family's 242-acre farm with 81 milking cows. She



Bradford County Dairy Princess Amy VanBlarcom, center, with First Alternate, Kirsten MacBride, right, and Second Alternate Angel Butcher.

owns 11 dairy animals.

Second Alternate Angel is the daughter of Gary and Esther Butcher of Granville Summit. She is also 16 and attends Troy Area High School. She helps on the family's 540-acre farm where they milk 55 Holsteins and raise corn and hay.

Eight dairy maids were also appointed: Kimberly Davis, Julie Chaffee, Jenni Howland, Robin

Kay Wilson, Greta Braund, Carrie Greene, Melissa Walrath, and Stacey Mattocks.

Judges were Charles A. Ruslavage, retired professor from Clarion University; Otis Young, retired dairy farmer; and Michelle Corman, Sire Power consultant.

Senator Roger Madigan was the master of ceremonies for the pageant. Entertainment was by Stained Glass.

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She works in a nursing home, is a Tupperware dealer, and works on the farm.

Neither do Jim Barnett or other committee members have spare-time. Like most organizations, they find that busy people are more inclined to donate their time.

In addition to being treasurer of the organization, Barnett is the designated buyer for promotional activities. He works for Atlantic Dairy Cooperative in charge of member relations. That means he has a daily drive to his Southampton office of 1 1/4 hours each way. Barnett and his wife, Susan, have three children. He has been on the committee since 1977, when someone invited him to a meeting. At that time, the committee needed a treasurer and Barnett has been responsible ever since.

While the committee works hard at dairy promotion, they are concerned that fellow dairy farmers realize the importance of promotion.

In August, farmers will vote on whether or not to continue the

15-cent check-off program. If the referendum does not pass, funding will be totally cutoff from counties.

Not only is the check-off significant for promotion but also for research. According to Harding, some of the most notable recent research shows that drinking milk enables diabetics to have better control of blood sugar levels, and that one can improve bone health without increasing body fat when exercise. The National organization has enabled the dairy industry to rebut far-out claims by fringe organizations condemning milk usage.

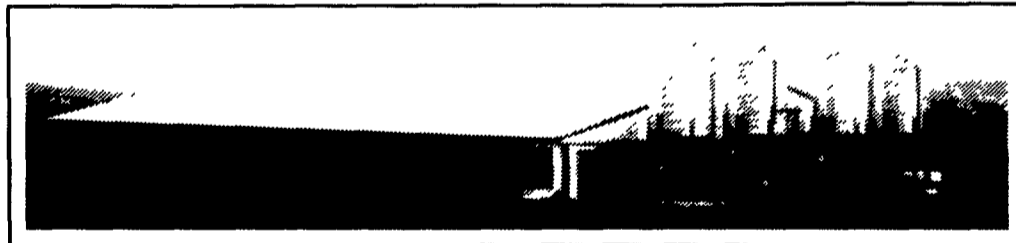
The committee is responsible to plan the county dairy princess pageant, which will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. Some of the duties required for a successful pageant include contacting prospective contestants, ordering flowers and gifts for contestants, reserving judges, supplying decorations, having programs printed and providing refreshments for a dairy bar after the event. Attendance is free and will be held at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

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